(e) if not, the details of the steps proposed to be implemented to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The estimated gross under recoveries of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies on sale of sensitive petroleum products, *i.e.* petrol, diesel, PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG for the 1st quarter of 2007-08 are given as under:

(Rs. crore)

Under-Recovery*	Apr-Jun'07 (Prov)
Petrol	1,553
Diesel	4,633
PDS kerosene	4,028
Domestic LPG	2,698
Total	12,912

*Gross under-recoveries without considering refinery discount, oil bonds and upstream assistance.

(c) to (e) Government has been taking all possible measures to ensure that there is no hardship to common man on account of price rise. Government adopted the principle of equitable burden sharing amongst three stakeholders, namely, the consumers, the PSU oil companies and the Government to protect the interest of the common man and the vulnerable sections of society. The Government is closely monitoring the international oil prices and will continue to protect the interests of consumers.

Profit earned by Oil Marketing Companies

379. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil marketing companies *i.e.* IOC, BPC, HPC, IBP have earned profit during the years, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (provisional); and

(b) if so, the details of profit after deducting tax, company-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the profit after tax earned by public sector Oil Marketing Companies, *viz.* Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and IBP Company Limited (IBP) during the years, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of Profit Earned by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies

Profit earned by public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), *viz.* Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and IBP Co. Limited (IBP) during the years, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07

Sl. No.	Name of the OMCs	Profit After Tax (Rs. In crores)		
		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1.	IOC	4891.38	4915.12	7499.47
2.	HPCL	1277.33	405.63	1571.17
3.	BPCL	965.80	291.65**	1805.48**
4.	IBP	58.88	12.44	— *

* Consequent to the merger of IBP Co. Ltd., with Indian Oil Corporation Limited pursuant to order dated 30th April, 2007 and completion of merger formalities effective 2nd May, 2007, IBP financials has been merged with Indian Oil Corporation Limited for the year 2006-07 and hence there is no separate profitability reported for IBP Co. Ltd., for 2006-07.

** Pursuant to approval received from Ministry of Company Affairs to the Scheme of Amalgamation of Kochi Refinery Limited (KRL) with the BPCL, the Performance of 2005-06 and 2006-07 of BPCL includes KRL also.

Theft of oil from ONGC Pipeline

380. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the media reports showing theft of oil from the ONGC pipeline in Gujarat;

(b) the steps being taken by Government beyond taking up the issue with the concerned State Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have had information of such activities ever since 2005;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the safety of the pipeline is the responsibility of the central security forces; and

(e) whether Government have ascertained the responsibility of security agencies in the breach of the safety of the pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes sir.